

Amendment on 25 December 2025
Resolved by Technical Committee on 30 July 2025

Service Suppliers Providing Commissioning Testing of Ballast Water Treatment Equipment

Object of Amendment

Rules for Approval of Manufacturers and Service Suppliers

Reason for Amendment

IMO Resolution MEPC.325(75) (published in November 2020) specifies that ballast water sampling and analysis are required to be carried out during the commissioning testing of ballast water treatment equipment from 1 June 2022. In relation to said requirement, the IMO published circular BWM.2/Circ.70/Rev.1, “2020 Guidance for the Commissioning Testing of Ballast Water Management Systems”, in December 2020. The Society has already incorporated references to said circular into its Rules for Approval of Manufacturers and Service Suppliers.

IACS, in turn, subsequently published Recommendation (Rec.) No. 180, its own recommendation for conducting said commissioning testing in accordance with BWM.2/Circ.70/Rev.1, in April 2024 and then added references to it to IACS Unified Requirement (UR) Z17 in October 2024.

Accordingly, relevant requirements are amended to add references to Rec. No. 180.

Outline of Amendment

Adds references to Rec. No. 180 to the Rules for Approval of Manufacturers and Service Suppliers.

Effective Date and Application

Effective date of this amendment is 1 January 2026.

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Amended-Original Requirements Comparison Table
(Service Suppliers Providing Commissioning Testing of Ballast Water Treatment Equipment)

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<p style="text-align: center;">RULES FOR APPROVAL OF MANUFACTURERS AND SERVICE SUPPLIERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Part 3 REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL OF SERVICE SUPPLIERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chapter 18 FIRMS ENGAGED IN COMMISSIONING TESTING OF BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (BWMS)</p> <p>18.2 Quality Systems</p> <p>18.2.3 Reference Documents Service suppliers are to have access to the documents listed in the following (1) to (8), as may be amended. ((1) to (7) are omitted) <u>(8) IACS Recommendation No. 180</u></p> <p>18.3 Operators</p> <p>18.3.1 Training and Qualifications -1. Operators are to satisfy the following (1) to (3). ((1) and (2) are omitted) (3) having the knowledge of the documents referred to as <u>18.2.3(3), (4) and (8).</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RULES FOR APPROVAL OF MANUFACTURERS AND SERVICE SUPPLIERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Part 3 REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL OF SERVICE SUPPLIERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chapter 18 FIRMS ENGAGED IN COMMISSIONING TESTING OF BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (BWMS)</p> <p>18.2 Quality Systems</p> <p>18.2.3 Reference Documents Service suppliers are to have access to the documents listed in the following (1) to (8), as may be amended. ((1) to (7) are omitted) (Newly added)</p> <p>18.3 Operators</p> <p>18.3.1 Training and Qualifications -1. Operators are to satisfy the following (1) to (3). ((1) and (2) are omitted) (3) having the knowledge of the documents referred to as <u>18.2.3(3) and (4).</u></p>	<p>IACS UR Z17 (Rev.19)</p> <p>Addition of reference to IACS Recommendation No. 180</p>

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